## IN A MOMENT OF PERIL

It was a most benighted place—quite "the cod of the world." The nearest log hut was five miles away, and the nearest settlement—the Old Red Ranch, as it was called—thirty. The Forest family had pitched upon it quite by accident, when they had migrated from the old country ten years before. Mr. Forest had old country ten years before. Mr. Forest had purchased a vast tract of uncultivated land on the Red river, and had estiled there, like the patriarchs of old, with his wife and children, his men servants and maid servants, his flocks and herds, and everything that was his. Since then everything had prospered with him. Wide ranges of prairie, magnificent sweeps of forest and wood, green hills and dales, belonged to him. He was literally and truly monarch of all he surveyed. His family consisted of his wife, three grown-up sons and one daughter, Nanele, a sweet, mischlevous, dark-eyed damsel of eighteen, whose capacidark-eyed dameel of eighteen, whose capaci-ties for firting and mischief were as fully dethe for firting and mischlef were as fully de-veloped as any town belle's. One would not have imagined that there was much scope for these special accomplishments in the wilds of Texas; but there was not a young fellow within fifty miles of Forest Hill who was not in love with Miss Nancis's beaux year, and not one but would have ridden twice she distance for a kind word or a sign of favor from the somewhat capricious but always charming

The Northcotes—distant relatives of the Forests—were the owners of the Red Ranch estitement, a place one degree more civilized than Forest Hill, inasmuch as it boasted one shop and a post office. Young Fred. Northcote, the elidest son, was one of Miss Kanele, one the cote, the elidest son, was one of Miss Kanele, as most devoted slaves, and as such as tyransized over quite unmercifully. The young failow was always finding his way eyer to Forest Hill ion some pretert or other. He had epoken his wishes plainly enough long before, but Miss Nancie was a first. She would not say "yee," but she did not say "too;" and meanwhile Fred was kept in suspense, chaffing and impatient enough, and yet bound hand shd foot to his willful, charming lady love, and perhaps, man life, loying her all the more for her captice.

Rwas a brilliant morning in April—summer weather in the far West, the sun already blasting ferredy, and promising a tropical noonday.

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Mr. Forest and young Fred Northcote, who had been spending a day or two at Forest Hill, were standing together before the picturesque porch of the long, low farm-house. Fred was a brown-faced, blue-sped young fellow, strong and athletic. He looked very handsome in the looked way ha hat shading his manly, frank face, with its soft mustache and bright keen eyes. A black horse of great beauty, deep chested, strong-limbed, was standing beside him, pawing the ground and tossing his handsome head under his master's caressing hand. Hotspur was au lenglish borse, almost thorough-bred. For fifty miles round there was not his equal for speed and endurance, nor, in Fred's opinion, for beauty either. Mr. Forest was speaking. "Fell your father, Fred, that I cannot answer for that timber merchant, Dobson. He saked me to make laquiries about him, and report says he is a slippery customer, and not to be trusted further than one can see him."

"All right, sir; I'll tell him," roturned Fred, who was on the point of taking his departure homewards; "and I will come back on Thursday and tell you the result," he added, as an afterthought.

"Very well, lad; we shall be glad to see you. By the by, I hear the prairie has been on fire away by the North Forks. Mind you do not get caught. The wind seta right from there, and it is just the weather for firee."

"No fear," launded the young fallow, as he put one foot is the sittring; "I've run many a race with a prairie lim before now. Good-bye, "st, till Thursday."

"Stouain Fred, cousin Fred, I want to go to the Red Ranch—you must wait for me?" cried a pretty, unperious voice just as Fred's horse had made a step forward, and a tall elight girl came running down the versadah step, her mu-brown hair shining Mc burdshed gold in the sunight, a bright color in her fait arch fees.

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Fred was down instantly, his face assuming an expression of surprise. Not half an hour before he and Namele had had high words, and that she should voluntarily seek his escort now was somewhat unaccountable. But most of Miss Namele's caprices were unaccountable.

"It is too hot, child," inserposed her father. "Thirty miles in this blazing sun—it would half kill you."

"Oh, no, it would not!" urged Namele, her dark eyes sweet and willful. "It will not hurt me. Let me go, daddy—do. I can ride Miss Molly, aud"—with a half-shy, half-mischisvous look at the young man—"Fred will take care of me."

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Mr. Forest raised one or two more objections, but Nancie—a spoiled pet and darling—overruled them all, and finally, as she always did, got her own way; and in half an hour the two were riding tegether through the maple-woods which clothed the rising ground all about Forest Hill.

Nancie and her chestnut mare Miss Molly were a picture to look at. The girl was a perfect rider, and, in her close-fitting habit of light gray cloth, the only thing suitable for the country, with its touch of scarlet ribbon at the throat, and her timed-brimmed straw hat, looked her very best, and knew it, too. "This is an unexpected honor," began Fred, as they quitted the shade of the trees, and entered on the dry, crisp grass of the open prairle.

"Do not faster yourself," returned Miss.

prairie.
"Do not fatter yourself," returned Miss Nancie, with a tosa of her bright young head. "It suited my convenience to come. I expect to find some letters at the settlement which I wish to get for mysfelf."
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reculous smile. "I do not suppose they are of such vital consequence."

"I have no wish to make you my postman," retorted Miss Nancie, "and it is not of the slightest consequence what you suppose or to not suppose."

"Probably not," allowed Fred, trying to look cool. "You take care no one shall have a very exalted opinion of himself or his opinions either where you are, Nancie."

"Of course," roturned Nancie, calmly. "So am glad your penetration has discovered that I came to please myself, not you."

Fred disdaled to answer, except by a most immeessary cut of the whip on Hotspur's jossy flank. The quarrel between the two lad been in progress some days. Arising eriginally in a most trivial dispute about a resulted which Nancie had bestewed on one of ler admirers, it had gone on from bad to vorse, till the two were at daggers-drawn. Fred unwisely thought the storm had blown aver when Nancie had bestewed on one of the summer of t

n passing the twige and canes snapped at a buch.

Right ahead, fifteen miles away, rising blue bove the undulations of the prairie, was a seep bluff, the termination of a range of low fils, off-shoots of the Rocky Mountains. This full was their landmark and guide, for a mile two behind it was the Red Ranch settlement, or Northcotes, as it was often called. Meanwhile the clear blue of the sky was becoming overeast with a sultry lenden hase. The air was intensely hot and heavy. The vide, treeless, shadowless prairie rolled away in every side in long undulations like the wells of the great ocean. At last Fred grew tred of keeping up even a show of resent-nest, and began to talk natio. sent, and began to talk again.

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more graciously than before; she was tired of keeping affent so long. "All the same, I would not back her against

Ho'apur."

"No, because Hotspur would be beaten," arrerted Nasuce, confidently.

"Will you try!" he asked.
"No, I won't. It is too bot to race. How can you suggest such a thing in this blazing sun!"

"Het or not, it strikes me it is what you will have to do." he remarked coolly.

"What do you mean!" the said, raising a pair of dark, forcedulous eyes.

"Look there," and, raising his whip, Fred pointed to the right, behind them, whence the leaden, hand cloud was apreading over the sky. "What does that look like!"
Nancie turned her eyes in the direction indicated, and as she looked her face blanched to an awful whiteness.

"Fire! The prairie is on fire!" she cried, fearfully. "Oh, Fred, what shall we do!" involuntarity she drew up her horse and gazed anxiously around.

The ominous leaden gray haze was sweeping down upon them; already it had evept down behind them. Below the hase a faint line of dark the shall we shall we do!" involuntarity she after the hase a faint line of direction them. I shall what a merey our horses are to be depended on!" He young mas said. "Don't be frightened, Nante, we muselfly for it, that is all. What a merey our horses are to be depended on!" He shall the beat in the said le-girls and straps of both horses, a precaution necessary enough in the race before them.

"Shall we be in time!" asked Nancie in a low voice, as he stooped by her side. "Yes," he replied, condently; and she could not see the anxiety on his brown face as he slipped the backle into its place.

In two or three minutes he had remounted. As he gathered the reisn in his hand he gave a glance at Nancie. The was no sign of weak-ness about the steady, ravers both. Her face was pale, but there was no sign of weak-ness about the steady, ravers much.

"No, I am not frightened," she answered, graver, but senting back into his annious face. "But I snow the danger."

"And how we can escape," he said, reasuringly. "Now for it!"

In a moment they were fying along. There was no need to urge Hotspur and Miss Molly—they scended the chapter was no need to urge Hotspur and Miss Molly—they scended the canadia special special

"There is no other way," he said said, quietly, as he fired.

The chestnut's pretty head fell prone on the rank grass, a shudder passed over her graceful limbs, and she lay dead before them.

With a sob Nancie tureed stiently from her favorite, and gave her hand to Fred. In another minute they were dying over the plato. Alas, with how small a chance now 'The gallant horse, strive as he might, made but little way with his double burden. These were only a few miles, more. Already the sir was scorching. The smoke and vanor enveloped them in auffocating clouds, hiding the bluff from view, and choking them wish their strings preach.

convibive bounds, his gallant limbs trembled beneath him; every breath was a short, gasping sob.

Another mile—half a mile! O heaven, have mercy! The scorching breath of the fire was upon them; they were in a whiriwind of dense suffocating smoke. The horse stumbled at every step—he gasped and moaned like a human soul in extremity. Covered with foam and trembling convulsively, he struggled on. Little fiames and eddles of fire, herrids of the horrors behind, crept among the tanglep grass.

Fred. turned on the saddle and tied to draw Nancie's head down on to his breast. She made no resistence, but, when he would have hidden her eyes from sight, she lifted them, clearly and unfluchingly to his.

"Don't, Fred—I can face death with open eyes," as sadd; and, catching, hold of his hand, she pulled it gently away. As she did so a great shower of sparks, borne on the fierce wind, fell around and over them.

"Oh, my darling, to think this should be the end?" he cried, despairingly, knowing how very near it was now.

"No, no," she cried, "it is not the end!" he cried, despairingly, knowing how very near it was now.

"No, no," she cried, "it is not the end!" he cried, despairingly, knowing how the weight of the same are close to the bluff! Oh, thank Heaven, thank Heaven!" And she pointed to the towering rock, which a rife in the smoke disclosed rising right before them not fifty yards away. "On, Hotepur—on, good horse—one more struggle—on, on." she shouled, encouragingly.

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fifty yards away. "On, Hotspur—on, good horse—one more struggle—on, on!" she shouted, encouragingly.

Cheered by her voice and hand, the brave horse gathered all his strength for one tremendous effort, and bounded forward with frantic leaps. But it was an expiring struggle. Ere ten yards were passed he fell to the ground gasping and panling, his brave spirit overcome at last. Fred dragged Nancte away, and, seizing her hand, began running towards the blutt, so near now, so hear—and yet one iccl tick like air. The fire was clist be-

hind—a fearful sight. The fierce heat scorched their faces, sparks of burnt grass, cane and splinters of wood fell in showers about them. The stiffing, choking smoke half suffocated them, paralyzing every nerve. On, on, with frantic flying feet—safety in front, death behind—and such a death!

"Leave me, Fred," gasped Nanote, faintly.
"I can go no further. Toll them at home—will be the stiffing of the stiffing o

panting, he presses on an experience of the free rushed after him, sending out long tongues of flame as if to grasp its prey; it licked up the scanty herbage and raged and reared in deree fury. But a few sore yards! "Oh, Heaven, have mercy!" Blaggering, dizzy, almost frante, he struggled on step after step, step after step. One more! "Oh, thank Heaven, thank Heaven—safety at last!"

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It was a terribly narrow escape. So close had been the fire, so deadly the peril, that it seemed as if only a miracle had saved them. Half an hour afterwards, when they had recovered sufficient strength to struggle onwards to the Red Ranch, they began to realize to what an extremity of danger they were reduced. Their clothes looked like tinder, and hung on them in shreds and patches. Nancie's face was deadly white except for a vivid red scar down one side of her check and neck, where a schorebing frame had caught it. Fred's right arm was completely disabled; his hadds and face were a deep crimson in hus. The fire had schorched him terribly.

As they crept alouy's along Fred looked wistfully into Nancie's face.

"Did you mean it, Nancie' he asked, gently.

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rently. "Mean what !" she said, her eyes drooping "Mean was: " he will ago. Will you kiss me, Nancis, my own dear love!" "Yes," she whispared, turning her sweet face to his.—London Family Herald.

The Mocking-Bird in Florida.

A fine mocking-first in Florida.

A fine mocking-the (Mymus polygiolius) is king of the grove, but his more immediate dominion is in close proximity to the house.

Near the hedge of Spanish bayonets is a small express, completely covered by a native grape-vine, forming a pyramid of living green. This is his throne, which he mounts, and where he celipses all the congsters of the grove with his wonderful and varied musle, and at the same time he can overlook the hedge, which he considers his exclusive property.

The fruit of the Spanish bayonet is about the size of the bunns, and grows to a laree cluster at the top of the plant. When fully ripe it is soft and eweet, and highly relished by many birds. The cardinal-grobbeak, long-liftled thrush, and the cat-bird, as well as the mocking-bird, are all fond of the fruit, and somatimes attempt to plumder; but while this tyrant mocking hing is on guard so bird except his mate is allowed to touch it.

His throne forms a very pretty arbor, where he relires at night and during rainy days. When he is away from home I often step in; but he is seldom so far away but that his keen eye sees me, and I hear his scolding note, which I always promptly obey. Nothing will so quickly make a bird familiar as to show him that he can drive us; and following this up with patience and care, he will soon confide in us, and learn our voice, and manifest delight upon meeting us. This is agecially true of the mocking-bird of East Floritia is less conditing than our Northern cat-bird, for the very good reason that he looks upon man as an enemy who robe him of his poun; and this alwayses or distrust upon the part of this glorious bird of song is in a large part attributable to the rapacity of Northern viators, who sometimes pay as high as fifly dollars for a good singer. As long as this continues we cannot expect the hirds to confide in us without much care and labor.

Nearly two weeks, with the greatest caution upon my part, were necessary before I could approach this mocking him as well as a f

if these birds are www affairs so as we will regulate their own affairs so as we will regulate their own affairs so as we him.

The clergyman above mentioned had a near neighbor, who, finding a mocking bird cating his grapes, shot him. Lawlessness now reigned among the birds, and the neighbor shot among the birds, and the neighbor were shown as the second with the s

weloped them in suffooting clouds, builting the bind from view, and choking them wish their stiffing breath.

The roar of the fire sounded fearfully near, the moments flew fast, and the deadly rounds behind grow every moment more distinct. This wind had increased to a tempest, which liew whe smoke in denser clouds over them. A lurid yellow gires tinged the heavy rolling masses, the beak of the furious comfagration was perceptibly felt.

"It is there a chance?" whispered Nancie, looking fearfully behind as the good horse strained onwards.

"Yes, if we can held out for ten minutes more," he answered.

"Heaven help us!" she cried, closing her eyes as a furious blast of wind brought a breath of force heat against her cheek.

He drew her arm closely round him, taking one small hand in an eager, covetous grasp.

"Prsy for us, Nancie," he whispered, quietly.

Only two miles now. Ten little minutes of time, and they would be asfe. But Hotspur was failing. He sprang forward now with convulsive bounds, his gallant limbs trembled beneath him; overy breath was a short, gasping sob.

Another miles for May.

An arab Tournament.

(From Gue. McClellan's "winter on the Nile."]

Soon after our arrival five horses were brought to, richly aparisoned in the Moortah style; powerful Moorah bits, with the ring also as spurs; the high saddle, covered with gele hower jaw; short stirrups, serving also as spurs; the high saddle, covered with gele hower jaw; short stirrups, serving also as spurs; the high saddle, covered with gele hower jaw; short stirrups, serving also as spurs; the high saddle, covered with gele hower jaw; short stirrups, serving also as spurs; the high saddle, covered with gele hower jaw; short stirrups, serving also as spurs; the high saddle, covered with gele hower jaw; short stirrups, serving also as spurs; the high saddle, covered with gele hower jaw; short stirrups, serving also as spurs; the high saddle, covered with gele hower jaw; short stirrups, serving also as purs; the high short stirrups, serving also as pur with gold; heavy gold fringes on the neck and breast of the horses. All the horses were good, some very fine. Five some of Shelk Achmet, all clad in Oriental robes of brilliant silks, all wearing the turban, now mounted, and the sport began. It consisted mainly of dashing scross the court at full speed and suddenly bringing up the horses on their haunches, and of ridding rapsily around one another in various circles, lunging and parrying with long, light lance poles, one endeavoring to gain the unguarded finak of another. It was an admirable display of horsemanship, and with the fine carriage of the animals, the superb riding, the rich and graceful robes of the men, and the housings of the horses, formed a remarkable speciacle, it was a seen of another sage and of another race, and the first thought that occurred to all of us was that at last we could realize the games that graced the festivals of the Alhambra. Among those who took part were two very marked men who happened to be the best and most daring riders; these were the youngest and the bidest of those who rode. The elder was a powerfully built man of about forty, perhaps five feet eight in height, with an intelligent and very determined countenance, though there was nothing unpleasant in it. The other could not have been more than twesty; light and graceful as possible, with a charming face full of intelligence and good natire, yet strong and full of courage, he was the beau ideal of a noble young mah, while the elder looked like a soldier hardened by many campaigns. The youngster's horse was trained to kneel and lie down and rise again to the sound of the drum, and this was the noble bay, wildly besting their drums until he knelt, and at last stretched himself at full-length upon the ground, the young a hisk keeping his seat until the horse rolled over on

> Prince Demidoff did not particularly approve Prince Demidoff did not particularly approve of the dress arrangements of the London theaters. While staying in that city he took a box at the opera for the season; but although he gaid a high price he seldom made use of it. One Right, however, he dropped in, but was refused admittance on the ground that he was not in proper evening free. The next day he seat this taking averal unit or citches, and asked him to be good enough to select one in which the Prince would be able to obtain seimselven to the theater. Exyrater dress or not, his flighness was never re-

## CROOKED CUPID.

A WORDERFUL WEDDING OUTSIDE

Evading the Lie, nee Law by Sairing Three Miles Out on the Ocean-Marriage Under Difficulty.

Another youthful couple, emboldeded by the blissful culmination of the romantic courtebip of Lieutenant De Kalands and the enthusiastic Miss Burdick, of Huuter's Point, have made themselves haven, and the representation static Miss Burdier, of HULW's room, nave made themselves happy, and the respective parents somewhat disconsolate. The latest voyagers on that particular branch of the matrimonial river are Master Sherwood Sharps a youth of nineteen summers, the schon of a rural house in Walnut Grove, Sacramento county, and Miss Katie Wasson, a damsel of fourteen, hellow from Hickardie, as addiscated county, and Miss Katle Wasson, a damsel of fourteen, halling from Hicksville, an adjacent hamlet in the same county. She was too young to marry of her own will through the medium of a license, and the parents were inexorable. The youthful Sharpe sought advice in his dire situation, and received it from lips that were experienced. He learned that he could not legally marry the young lady in this State without a livense, which was not attainable except on the requisition of the parents. He was advised, however, that beyond three miles from the coast the State had no jurisdiction, and that in the

yood three miles from the coast the State had no jurisdiction, and that in the LACK of A OBETHA OREER on terra firms the ardent lovers were privileged to retire to the placed and welcoming bosom of old Keptune, where they might espouse each other with perfect freedom from interruption, and size add a little of spice to the corromory. The young man greedily drawk in the suggestion, and flew to console his desponding inamersta with the project. The first favorable opportunity was seized upon for the elopement, and yesterday morning at the breakfast hour the absence of the youthful and Walnut Grove, and the common read which leads to the capital was transpired by the hurrying feet of two frate fathers about the same time. The youthful lovers arrived in town yesterday at moon, and made hurried preparations for the departure beyond the leads. Young Sharpe was errayed in orthodox wedding habiliments, including the claw-hammer cost, anowy necktic, and a reserve pair of kids in his rear pocket. The biocoming girl beamed charmingly in a sky-bine allt, with side pleating and other interesting atachments, and, though a tritle nervous, manifested great eagerners to be out on the ocean leyond.

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The pair beamed in on Lieutenant Smith, of the United States revenue cutter J. F. Harity, at the foot of Front street, and besought him in an entreating manner to give them a sail on the ocean in Uncle Sam's vessels and officiate as minister in tying the amptial knot. Miss Wasson begged and pleaded. He was such a good, dear lieutenant, and wouldn't be do it, just for this once, and he would bever be called upon to do it again! The sympathies of the lieutenant were undoubtedly tender, and he would gladly have accommodated the little beauty and given the signing awain a lift on his road to the heaven of his apprintions, but considerations of duty impelled to put gallantry in abeyance and respectfully decline the request. As a last resort the enthusiastic lovers were colleged to seek the proprietor of the Eirabeth Mary and charter his sea vehicle for the brief asjourn on the waves. They had induced a clergyman named Ellis to participate in the enterprise, and the Mary coursed out through the straits with the two papitating hears that were so soon to be unlied and a dozen heatily-invited guests. The wind was lusty and the waves tossed themselves vigorously. Throughout the brief period during which the horison the guests were hung upon the taffall in

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accompanying the rhythmical rise and fall of the vessel with devotional offers to Neptuns. The cierical Mr. Ellis had tied his stern cheets carefully around the mast, and was braced up against it with his legs defaulty set at an uncertain angle, his legs turned cityward and a pale look on his face. Katle and her euterprising groom made difficult love in a concealed nook, and anon accompanied the guests in their heavings. Cupid sustained them hravely in that situation, however, as he had in all preceding difficulties, and after the three-mile limit had been reached preparations were made for the portentous ceremony. The Rev. Mr. Ellis concluded to retain his shallered position by the mast, and without exhausing a limb proceeded to join the pale but aspectant pair. The vessel seemed to enjoy the fun hugely, and tossed the lovers against each other, recardless of consequences. During a momentary full the groom assisted

each other, regardless of consequences. During a momentary hill the groom assisted THE PALE TOUNG LADY to a clear spot in front of the clergyman, and white intent on the performance, maintained a close watch on the vessel's movements, so that he might catch the lady if also staggered. The minister was propounding the usual and useless connedrum to young Sharpe as to whether he would take her, &c., when a corpulent guest, who had unthinkingly relaxed his hold on the taffrail, was propelled forward with great momentum, and striking the passon's main brace with force, caused that gentleman to assault the deck with some scorry. He struggled to his feet and hugged the mast signin, but a rampant coat-tail straddled the swift breeze on its way to China. The parson proceeded with, comparative case for the sext few seconds, but was violently interrupted a second time by having his feet shoot out from under him and his head imping with cracking force against the unimpressionable mast. His sitting was attended by a crushing visitation in the person of the groom, who fell upon him with needless enthusiasm and caressed him in a troublecome fashion in his codeavora to regain his feet. By that time

THE PARSON'S HAIR

Was bristling and his face flushed, but he allowed his remaining coat-tail to fluster wildly
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ceremony. The groom pursued the tenor of
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with an air of recklessness and a determinathe colloquy attendant upon such ceremonies with an air of recklessness and a determination to evade any impending catastrophe by falling flat upon his hands and knees. The bride tremblingly lingered through the ceremony, &ceptage up as sort of gentle lig in obedience to the persuasite pulsations of the atmosphere, and was so deeply occupied with that endeavor as to almost forget to stay her fluttering skirts in their frantic endeavors to envelop her lover's head. The ceremony completed, the bridal party piroutted to their sheltered corner again and waived dismail responses to the erratic and somewhat incoherent congratulations of their pale friends. The hardy son of the sea who commanded the tug on the trip was greatly edified by the scene, and entertained a joily circle at the city front last evening by his facetions rectail of the adventure. The party reached the wharf greatly relieved, but very much fatigued, and very, very pale. The incidents of the day will not soon be forgotien by those who participated in the affair, and the unforgiving parents are rejoicing in the only reflection with which they can concele themselves, that the undertaking was attended by each contrary circumstance.—San Francisco Chromicks.

The Stones of the Fyramids.

The immenseatones used in the erection of the Fyramids of Egypt were obtained from the quarries in the Arabian hills, and were carried to the river and over a bridge of boats. carried to the river and over a bridge of boats. They were then brought forward by means of a causeway, which of itself took ten years to construct, and which is said to have been a fine work, with its polished stones and figures of animals engraved upon them. One hundred thousand men were employed at a time, and these were relieved by the same number at the end of three months. A long time was spent in the leveling of the rock on which the editice stands, and trenty years for the erection of the pyramid itself. The stones were raised step by step by means of a machine made of ebort pieces of wood, and, last of all, commencing from the top, the stones were emented together with a layer of cament not thicker than a piece of paper, the strength of which is proved by the age of these enermous

memorials.

Empress Eugenic wanted to see Florence by moneing the some night last month, the obliging syndic of that city hists we cut all the street imperation of the temperature of the temperature under the monobeaut.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

Finance,

Washington, D. C., April 14, 1877.

The New York Post's financial article sayin Gold in shigher, on secount of the foreign news, having supersed at 1855, and attraspect to 1895, Exchange, while dull, in attrasp on the basis of 601/40 etc., and 685/6400 for prime bankers' sterling, with a the ruling rate. Prime mercantile paper is pigit, fore foreign foreign foreign foreign supersed at 1856, and is for 60%, old and sew. The greenal stock market opened 4/60 higher for new frem, 60% of 1818 and 67%, and is for 60%, old and sew. The greenal stock market opened 4/60 higher for new frem, 60% of 1818 and 67%, and is for 60%, old and sew. The greenal stock market to pened 4/60 higher for new frem, 60% of 1818 and 67%, and is for 60% of 1818 and 67%, and is for 60% of 1818 and 67%, and is foreign for a fine fine fine of 1818 and 60% of 1818 and 60%

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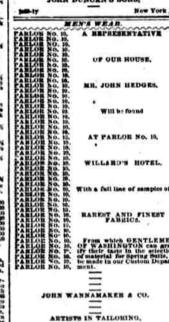
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